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METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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**Metropolitan Police Department Applies for CALEA® Re-Accreditation;
Accreditation Assessment Team Invites Public Comments**

The Metropolitan Police Department, City of St. Louis (“the department”) will host a team of assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA®) on December 13, 2010. The on-site assessment team will examine all aspects of the department’s policies, procedures, management, operations and support services. Public comment is invited by the on-site assessment team.

CALEA® was established in 1979 to assist law enforcement agencies in establishing and maintaining high standards of excellence. Though voluntary, accreditation is a highly-regarded acknowledgement of public safety professional excellence and ensures that law enforcement agencies meet state-of-the-art standards. The department first sought accreditation in the mid 2000s and after participating in a multi-year process, a full, three-year accreditation was awarded in 2007. The department is now seeking re-accreditation for a second three-year period. Accreditation requires the department to comply with 464 CALEA® standards and undergo review by an on-site assessment team, comprised of public safety practitioners from out-of-state agencies. The assessors will review written material, interview individuals and visit offices and other locations where compliance can be witnessed. Following the on-site assessment, the assessment team will report their findings to the full Commission which will then determine if the department will be granted re-accreditation.

As part of the on-site assessment, members of the community and department employees are invited to offer public comments to the on-site assessment team by phone or in person. Those offering comment must limit their statements to 10 minutes and must address the agency’s ability to comply with CALEA® standards. The CALEA® standards can be reviewed at police headquarters, 1200 Clark Avenue.

Phone comments will be accepted by the on-site assessment team on Monday, December 13, 2010 from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. Those wishing to offer comment may call (314) 444-1275. In-person comments will be accepted during a public session later the same evening, Monday, December 13, 2010, beginning at 7 p.m. The session will take place at police headquarters, 1200 Clark Avenue, on the sixth floor in the large board room.

Persons who are unable to make comments by phone or in person may also offer written comments about the department's ability to meet the standards. Written comments may be submitted by email to calea@calea.org or by mail to CALEA, 13575 Heathcote Boulevard, Suite 320, Gainesville, Virginia, 20155. For more information regarding CALEA®, please write the agency or call 1-800-368-3757.

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